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1. IN THE ABSENCE OF HANNAY, THE DCM CONVEYED TO HIJZEN
JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE OECD TRADE COMMITTEE

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THE POINTS IN REFTEL A, STRESSING STRONG U.S. CONCERN
OVER THE NEW ELEMENT OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE ITALIAN

MEASURES DESPITE THE ASSURANCES WE HAD RECEIVED EARLIER FROM THE COMMISSION THAT THE MEASURES WOULD REMAIN NON-DISCRIMINATORY (REFTEL B). WE WARNED HIJZEN THAT WE WOULD EXPRESS OUR VIEW IN THE OECD TRADE COMMITTEE AND IN THE GATT WORKING PARTY.

2. HIJZEN SAID THAT HE WAS AWARE OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE CHANGE BECAUSE OF COMMENTS THE US HAS ALREADY MADE IN THE GATT. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHANGE HAD BEEN TO CREATE ONLY A NOMINAL MARGIN OF PREFERENCE FOR INSIDERS IN THE OPERATION OF THE ITALIAN SCHEME. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION ABOUT WHY THE CHANGE WAS NEEDED IN VIEW OF THE PHASING OUT OF DEPOSITS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, HIJZEN SAID THAT SOME OF THE AGRICULTURAL IMPORT DEPOSITS WERE NOT COMING OFF SO SOON AS ORIGINALLY HOPED.

3. WE WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS. MEANWHILE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CHANGE STEMS FROM A COMMISSION DECISION, THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE POINTS IN REFTTEL A BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENTS DIRECTLY, INCLUDING ITALY. GREENWALD

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